

REMARK

The specification has been amended to recite the information regarding the parent application, priority benefits of which are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and § 119(e), and to correct typographical errors in the title of the application as originally filed.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-67, without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in related applications. New claims 68-85 have been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicants regard as the invention. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 68-85 will be pending in the present application.

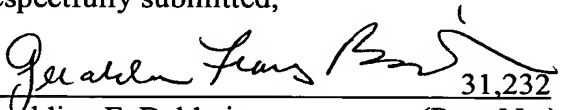
In particular, new claim 68-85 recite methods for treating or inhibiting a disease of an animal using an antimicrobial preparations prepared from *Burkholderia casidae*. Support for new claims 68-85 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 1, lines 11 to page 3, lines 1-28; page 4, line 33 to page 5, line 3; page 5, line 31 to page 6, line 6; page 7, lines 3-5; page 10, lines 5-17; page 10, lines 20-31; page 11, line 17 to page 12, line 34; page 13, line 18 to page 14, line 8; page 14, line 22 to page 15, line 25; page 24, line 17 to page 25, line 8; page 50, line 1 to page 51, line 11; page 51, lines 26 and 31; page 52, lines 1, 18 and 27; page 62, line 32 to page 63, line 22; claims 1-31, 43-53, and 65 as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks into the file is respectfully requested. It is also respectfully requested that all the listed references be reviewed and made of record in the present application.

It is estimated that no fee is required for filing this Preliminary Amendment. In the event a fee is required, please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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